

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application, as amended. In response to a Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Embodiment 1, including original claims 1-20, without traverse. Claims 21-34 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has stated that the application contains the following patently distinct embodiments:

Embodiment I, claims 1-20;

Embodiment II, claims 21-24; and

Embodiment III, claims 25-32.

Applicants note that claims 33-34, not discussed by the Examiner, are relatively similar to claims 25-32.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.142-1.143, Applicants hereby elect Embodiment I, original claims 1-20, without traverse. However, Applicants also hereby reserve the right to pursue Embodiments II & III and the subject matter associated therewith in a divisional and/or continuation application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 1-20, is in condition for substantive consideration, and such action is respectfully requested.

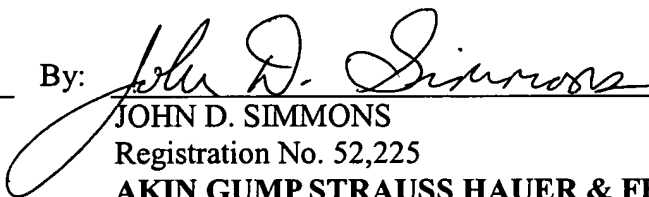
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